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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*PATENT*

Applicant:	Sugiyama et al.	Docket No.:	30598.0004
Serial No.:	08/960,431	Art Unit:	3723
Filed:	October 29, 1997	Examiner:	Nguyen, G.
Title	<b>FLATTENING METHOD AND FLATTENING APPARATUS OF A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE</b>		
		Confirmation No.:	5997

**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Response/Letter to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004.

I. Small Entity Status

[ ] Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.

**FEE CALCULATION, CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present Extra		Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	21	minus	21	=	0	x \$ 18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	4	minus	4	=	0	x \$ 86.00 =	\$0.00
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (per application)						\$290.00 +	N/A
						<b>Subtotal:</b>	0.00

**Fee Calculation: Request for Extension of Time  
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within <b>first</b> month after due date – add	\$120.00	N/A
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within <b>second</b> month after due date – add	\$450.00	\$450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within <b>third</b> month after due date – add	\$1020.00	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within <b>fourth</b> month after due date – add	\$1590.00	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response filed within <b>fifth</b> month after due date – add	\$2160.00	N/A

**SUBTOTAL:** N/A

Discount for “small entity” status, enter half (1/2)  
of the second subtotal and **subtract**.

N/A

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE** **\$450.00**

☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2814 in the amount of **\$450.00**.

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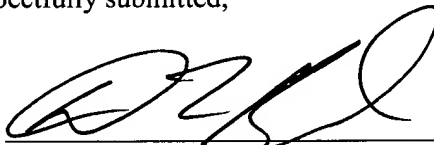
**This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee.** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any **deficiency** in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (**deficiency** only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2814 for **which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.**

Respectfully submitted,

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